GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Freight handling Transport Activities
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not being able to meet out the global requirements in terms of freight handling transport activity in major ports in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):No, Madam. Major Ports are able to meet the global requirement in so far as freight handling transport activity is concerned. As against capacity of 871.52 Million Tonnes as on 31.03.2015, Major Ports handled a total traffic of 581.34 Million Tonnes during 2014-15. The available capacity is adequate to handle the existing traffic.
(c) The Government has taken several measures like construction of new berths, upgradation of existing berths, mechanization of berths, installation of state of art equipments& mechanization of cargo handling systems, dredging of navigation channel and berths to accommodate large vessels to increase the capacity of Major Ports as also to bring them at par with international standards.
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